

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S7225–S7245**

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4966–4971, and S. Res. 794–795. **Page S7240**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 4133, to modernize the REAL ID Act of 2005, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–303) **Page S7240**

**Measures Passed:**

**Relative to the death of former Senator Roger William Jepsen:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 795, relating to the death of the Honorable Roger William Jepsen, former United States Senator for the State of Iowa. **Page S7243**

**DHS Opioid Detection Resilience Act:** Senate passed H.R. 4761, to ensure U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, and other personnel have adequate synthetic opioid detection equipment, that the Department of Homeland Security has a process to update synthetic opioid detection capability. **Page S7243**

**Securing America's Ports Act:** Senate passed H.R. 5273, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to increase to 100 percent the rates of scanning of commercial and passenger vehicles and freight rail entering the United States at land ports of entry along the border using large-scale, nonintrusive inspection systems to enhance border security, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and a committee amendment to the title. **Pages S7243–44**

**Orange Book Transparency Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1503, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act regarding the list under section 505(j)(7) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7244**

McConnell (for Alexander) Amendment No. 2693, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7244**

**Schwartz Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 48 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 254), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S7223–24**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission at 12 noon, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020; that the post-cloture time with respect to the nominations of Stephen Sidney Schwartz and Nathan A. Simington expire at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, and Senate then vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Nathan A. Simington at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. **Page S7245**

**Dickerson Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission. **Page S7228**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission. **Page S7228**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7228**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7228**

**Broussard Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Shana M.

Broussard, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission. **Page S7228**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission. **Page S7228**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7228**

**Cooksey Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sean J. Cooksey, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission. **Page S7228**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Shana M. Broussard, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission. **Page S7228**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S7239–40**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S7239**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7242–43**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S7243**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—254) **Page S7234**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Roger William Jepsen, former Senator for the State of Iowa, in accordance with S. Res. 795, at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7245.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 8883–8892, were introduced. **Page H6905**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H6906**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 8354, to establish the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–618);

H.R. 3797, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to make marijuana accessible for use by qualified marijuana researchers for medical purposes, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–619, Part 1); and

H.R. 3429, to provide for health equity and access for returning troops and servicemembers, to provide

for ambulatory surgical payment transparency under the Medicare program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–620, Part 1). **Page H6905**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6861**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Chair announced that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from California, Mr. Cook, the whole number of the House is 430. **Page H6861**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Mongolia and observing the 30th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia:* H. Res. 1100, amended, reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Mongolia and